The Prairie States.

A newer Garden of Creation – no primal solitude;
Dense, joyous, modern, populous millions, cities and farms,
With iron interlaced, composite, tied, many in one,
By all the world contributed – Freedom's and Law's and Thrift's society,
The crown and teeming Paradise, so far, of Time's accumulations,
To justify the Past.

Walt Whitman

Camden, New Jersey, March 16, '80.